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SUBJ: NPG: DRAFT ADVANCE PRESS RELEASE FOR THE SPRING 1977 MINISTERIAL MEETING

THERE FOLLOWS BELOW THE ENGLISH TEXT OF AN ADVANCE PRESS RELEASE FOR THE SPRING 1977 NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING, ALONG WITH APPLICABLE PORTIONS OF A NOTE BY THE NPG STAFF GROUP CHAIRMAN REGARDING APPROVAL AND TIMING OF THE RELEASE. THE PRESS RELEASE, AS WELL AS ITS TIMING, IS ROUTINE,. AND WE RECOMMEND APPROVAL. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE PRIOR TO MAY 6, TO INCLUDE INTENTIONS REGARDING A SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE IN WASHINGTON. BEGIN TEXT OF COVER NOTE:

ATTACHED IS THE TEXT OF A PROPOSED ADVANCE PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING THE FORTHCOMING NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING IN OTTAWA ON 8TH AND 9TH JUNE, 1977. THE TEXT CLOSELY FOLLOWS THE LANGUAGE USED IN FORMER PRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS PRIOR TO NPG MINISTERIAL MEETINGS. AS ON PAST OCCASIONS, THE RELEASE COULD BE MADE A FEW DAYS BEFORE CONFIDENTIAL

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THE MEETING TAKES PLACE; ACCORDINGLY, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT BE MADE IN BRUSSELS ON FRIDAY, 3RD JUNE, 1977, AT 4.00 PM LOCAL TIME, WITH SIMULTANEOUS ADDITIONAL RELEASE IN THE CAPITALS OF THOSE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES WHO SO DESIRE.

2. IT IS INTENDED THAT THE STAFF GROUP DISCUSS THE DRAFT TEXT AND SUGGESTED RELEASE TIMING AT ITS MEETING ON 18TH APRIL. STAFF GROUP MEMBERS OF THE COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE MINISTERIAL MEETING ARE REQUESTED TO OBTAIN, AFTER THEIR INITIAL DISCUSSION, THE APPROVAL OF THEIR NATIONAL AUTHORITIES

FOR THE TEXT OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT AND TIMING OF THE RELEASE, INFORMING THE DIRECTOR, NUCLEAR PLANNING, NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 6TH MAY, 1977. INFORMATION ON WHETHER NATIONAL AUTHORITIES PLAN TO MAKE A SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE IN THEIR CAPITALS WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED. END TEXT.

BEGIN TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE:

THE NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP OF NATO CURRENTLY CONSISTING OF THE MINISTERS OF DEFENCE OF CANADA, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, GREECE, ITALY, THE NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES, WILL HOLD ITS TWENTY-FIRST MINISTERIAL MEETING IN OTTAWA ON 8TH AND 9TH JUNE, 1977, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR. JOSEPH M.A.H. LUNS, SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO. END TEXT.STRAUSZ-HUPE

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